



### LIFETIME ADVANTAGES

Children form basic reasoning abilities in their earliest years. The sooner your keiki are exposed to language, science, art and math, the better ability they have to understand and succeed. Many skills learned in preschool can benefit kids over their lifetimes. A preschool education:

- Helps kids be better prepared for kindergarten and the rest of their school career.
- Prepares children to adapt to structured environments such as classrooms, sports teams and play groups.
- Shows children essential tools they will use throughout their lives such as friendship and sharing.
- Helps kids learn how to make appropriate personal decisions.
- Prepares children to positively express their actions and feelings.
- Helps children develop resistance to stressful situations.
- Provides kids with teachers who can be valuable role models outside the home.
- Shows children that teachers, parents and friends play important parts in life.



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#### When your child is... We suggest you...

**3-years-old** Begin calling preschools in your area to get information on their hours, how much their school costs, and the qualifications of their staff.

**3-1/2-years-old** Enroll your child in preschool.

**4-years-old** Start taking your child to preschool. Your child will make new friends, learn new social skills, and get an early start at school success now and for a lifetime.

**5-years-old** Enroll your child in kindergarten. Your child will be more confident and ready to have fun while learning in school.

The mission of the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services is to direct its resources toward protecting and helping those least able to care for themselves and to provide services designed toward achieving self-sufficiency for clients as quickly as possible.

Department of Human Services,  
1390 Miller Street, Room 209, Honolulu, HI 96813

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# PRESCHOOL

by **4**

Give your keiki  
an early start at  
school success now  
and for a lifetime!



## THE CAMPAIGN

Preschool by 4 is a new campaign from the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services (DHS). Preschool by 4 helps qualified parents of children ages 3 and 4 pay for preschool.

Why should you enroll your child in preschool? It is a safe place for your keiki to make new friends and create memories that can last a lifetime. And your child can learn skills in this structured, pre-kindergarten environment that will better prepare him or her for school success now and for a lifetime.

DHS can help your keiki and family by providing funds to those who qualify. Preschool by 4 is designed to help parents give their children an early start at success.



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## FACTS AND FIGURES

Money is available for qualified families.

- Up to \$425 per month for a licensed preschool.
- Up to \$475 per month for a licensed and accredited preschool.

There are approximately 330 preschools in the state of Hawai'i.

- There are excellent preschools near your home.
- Most accept students throughout the year.

Children are usually enrolled in preschool by age 4.

- We recommend that you start gathering information about preschool when your child is 3.
- 35 percent of Hawai'i's children age 4 are enrolled in a licensed preschool or daycare provider.

Call PATCH at 839-1988 to find out how to apply!

## INSTANT ADVANTAGES

There are immediate benefits to enrolling children in preschool by age 4. A preschool education:

- Exposes kids to fun science, creative art, math and language art activities.
- Promotes coordination, balance and strength through activities.
- Teaches sharing, cooperation and tolerance through contact with other kids.
- Helps children develop self-confidence and positive relationships outside the family.
- Helps kids learn not to be selfish and to respond positively to the feelings, interests and needs of others.
- Enables parents to recognize what type of behavior is age-appropriate through the help of teachers and aides.
- Provides an overall fun and enjoyable experience for children.

